

# THREE DIED IN "ARSON TRUST" BLAZE

## Trapped in Hold-Up, Gunman Shoots Detective

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### BANK CARRIER ATTACKED, \$3,200 SATCHEL SEIZED AS 7 DETECTIVES WATCH

Gunman Wounds One of  
Dougherty's Men in Run-  
ning Gun Fight.

DUEL WITH BLACKJACKS

Aged Victim Saves His Money  
and Police Capture One  
of the Footpads.

Two highwaymen, planning to rob a bank messenger of \$3,200 he was carrying for delivery to two manufacturing firms, walked straight into a police trap at First avenue and Thirty-sixth street to-day. The jaws of the trap snapped one of them, but the other, after seriously wounding Detective James A. Watson and keeping up a running revolver fight with the six other detectives for two blocks, escaped. Police M. Plunkett, sixty years old, who for ten years has been messenger for the Union Exchange Bank at No. 10 Fifth avenue, has a rifle every Saturday, carrying the "payrolls" of manufacturers who are the bank's customers. His route lies in the section along First avenue. He arrives at almost the same minute at each place where he leaves money and always he leaves the same amount.

Plunkett left the bank with \$3,200 in a leather satchel on his arm. He took the Thirty-fourth street crosswalk car going east and got off at First avenue. Thence he walked up to the office of Schwartzkopf & Ruckert, manufacturers of cigar boxes, at No. 413 East Thirty-sixth street. He carried in his satchel \$1,713 for this firm and \$1,500 for delivery to the firm of Eli Riser & Co., at First avenue and Twenty-eighth street.

Dougherty had accurate information about the attempt that was to be made today to rob Plunkett. So close was his information that he knew just where the assault was planned to take place and how many men would undertake the job. Armed with this information he had prepared the trap.

He drew upon the Greenwich street station for seven detectives, allowing no hint of his plans to get to the East Thirty-sixth street station. These men he placed in ambush about the entrance to the Schwartzkopf & Ruckert office. The officers were on the north side of Thirty-sixth street, with lumber yards across the way and more lumber yards in the direction of the East River, a short distance away. It was Dougherty's plan to block all chance of the highwaymen losing themselves after the robbery in the intricacies of the lumber yards.

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HEIR WHO SUES  
EXECUTORS OF  
ZIEGLER ESTATE.



### GROSSER KURFUERST BREAKS HER SHAFT; PANAMA TRIP OFF

Big Liner Coming Into Port  
at Half Speed and Will  
Be Late.

The officials of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company received a wireless message via Cape Race from their steamship Grosser Kurfuerst that while in 44.40 north latitude and 20 west she broke her port crank shaft, and is now proceeding to New York at half speed and will not reach here until Jan. 17.

The significance of this message is that the Grosser Kurfuerst, which is scheduled to sail from here on a Panama cruise on Jan. 16, will have to cancel her trip, as she will be laid up ten days for repairs. Consequently the 200 passengers who have booked aboard her will be disappointed and it is doubtful whether they can secure other accommodations, for the bookings for Panama at this time of the year are at a premium.

### GOV. WILSON ARRIVES IN CHICAGO FOR VISIT.

Leaves Train at Suburban Station  
to Avoid Crowd—Speaks  
at Dinner To-Night.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—President-elect Wilson arrived here this afternoon and went immediately to the home of David B. Jones, an old Princeton friend, whose guest he will be until he leaves for the East to-morrow.

The trip from Trenton was uneventful. In order to avoid anticipated crowds the Governor left the train at a suburban station, where he was greeted by a committee from the Commercial Club, at whose dinner to-night he will make an address.

Gov. Wilson may be asked to use his influence in breaking the deadlock in the Illinois Legislature over the election of a Speaker. Leaders of the different factions of Democrats admitted that if the Governor would speak on the subject his words would have great weight with members of the Illinois General Assembly. Unless Mr. Wilson consents to act in the interest of peace the leaders fear that the deadlock will continue indefinitely.

### ROSE READY TO SHOW ROLL

Jack Rose, who has lately abandoned the pleasant pursuit of lawbreaking for one of literature, appeared before Justice Luce in the City Court this afternoon and promised the Court faithfully that he would tell nothing but the truth when he is examined in supplementary proceedings as to his financial resources. Rose is to be examined pursuant to a judgment of \$200 rendered against him in favor of Eugene Walters, playwright. The examination was adjourned to Jan. 12.

### ZIEGLER CAN'T BUY A HOME FOR BRIDE; WANTS \$4,500,000

Reported to Be Worth \$30,-  
000,000, but Must Wait Four  
Years for First Quarter.

SUES THE EXECUTORS.

Wants the Income That Has  
Accumulated Since Foster  
Father Died.

How would you like to be heralded world-wide as having \$30,000,000 and have to live in a rented house, own no automobile, possess no yacht and enjoy none of the super-luxuries that go with wealth?

This is the predicament of William Ziegler who became old enough to vote last July 21, and has recently married, but who, under the terms of the will of his adopted father, must wait four years longer to get the first quarter, nine years for the second quarter, fourteen years for the third quarter, and nineteen years more for the last quarter of an estate which, according to the records of the Surrogate's Court, amounted last year to \$14,000,000.

Young Mr. Ziegler is content with his lot as provided for under the will, for he receives the entire income from the property less the expense of management, but he has hired counsel to help him get \$4,500,000 of income accumulated since the death of his father in 1908. To this end, the law firm of Swan & Moore, No. 39 Liberty street, started a friendly proceeding, asking the three executors of the estate to show cause why they should not settle the account.

YOUTH'S LAWYER EXPLAINS

Under the terms of the will, said William A. Moore to an Evening World reporter to-day, "Mr. Ziegler is entitled at this time only to the income of his father's estate, the principal being paid to him in four installments on reaching the age of twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five and forty. During the period of his minority there has been invested by the executors of his father's estate the net income, which amounted to approximately \$4,500,000, which the executors now hold. The present court proceeding is started for the purpose of securing the direction of the Court as to the payment of this fund to Mr. Ziegler at this time. The question involved is one of the construction of the will."

Here is the section of the will young Ziegler wants carried out:

"I appoint my said wife, William S. Champ, William J. Gaynor, and also my said son at the age of twenty-one years, my executors under the will. They shall take, care for and invest my estate in safe securities, collect all the rents and incomes, pay out of the same all necessary charges and expenses, and all annuities or sums given by this will, and also for the support and education of my son William what may be necessary. The balance of income they shall invest in safe securities and keep with the corpus of my estate until my said son comes of age. After he comes of age he shall receive the entire net income."

William J. Underwood of No. 52 William street is counsel for the executors. A gentleman who spoke for the estate said: "The Ziegler will provides that in the event of the death of young Ziegler the corpus of the estate shall revert to his brothers and sisters of the deceased basking powder millionaire. The executors have raised the point that they cannot properly pay over the accumulated income to young Ziegler without an order from the court."

Since young Ziegler was advertised as a brand new plutocrat, letters begging him for charity have been pouring in upon him at his office, No. 57 Fifth avenue and his house at No. 11 East Fifty-first street. He opens them with a grim smile. Agents of automobile concerns, yacht builders and general purveyors of the rich in many lines have been bombarding him every way he turns.

He has done no business with any of them. He couldn't. He is a plutocrat in name only. For the first four years after the death of his foster-father he received \$15,000 a year allowance, which was increased to \$25,000 for the last two years before he reached his majority. But now that he has the name of great wealth and is of age, he would like some of the same—hence the demand of the executors for the lump sum of money that rolled together while he was in college.

### Equestrienne to Lead Parade For Suffrage in Washington



MRS. RICHARD COKE BURLISON

The chief feature of the suffragette parade in Washington on March 3 will be a mounted division of society women of the capital. It is estimated that there will be 20,000 women in the procession along Pennsylvania avenue following the arrival of the hikers from New York. At the head of the pageant will ride the cavalry women in command of Mrs. Richard C. Burlison, wife of Lieut. Richard C. Burlison of Fort Meyer.

### DR. CARREL IS BACK; HOPES TO GRAFT DEAD MAN'S LEG ON LIVE ONE

Winner of Nobel Prize Says  
Only Surface Has Been  
Scratched in Science.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, whose surgical wizardry as demonstrated at the Rockefeller Institute won him the coveted Nobel Prize, returned to New York to-day on board the Victoria Louise of the Hamburg-American Line. While the surgeon waited impatiently for permission to be on his way an inspector spent a leisurely hour and a half going through his effects, opening instrument cases and taking the instruments themselves apart.

Dr. Carrel was nettled by the attitude of the inspector. He showed it as he answered the reporters' questions. "I am coming back to work—that is my programme—work," he said. "There is much to do. We have only scratched the surface of the wonderful possibilities opened up by recent discoveries."

"Do you think science, as a result of your discoveries, ever will advance so far that the limb of a dead man, who has no further use for it, could be grafted onto a live man in place of one lost by him?" some one asked.

"That is what we are aiming at," said Dr. Carrel.

A few days ago a cablegram from Paris announced that Dr. Carrel, while there, had mentioned the possibility that he would renounce his allegiance to France and become an American citizen. When Dr. Carrel was asked about this, he hesitated.

"I'm not so sure," he said slowly. "The inspector was refused for his long, careful search, during which he even

### SENATE VOTES MONDAY ON ARCHBALD CASE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Senate agreed to-day to vote at 1 P. M. Monday on the impeachment charges against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the Commerce Court.

It first was agreed to permit each Senator to state orally his reasons for his vote, but later the Senate rescinded its action in that regard and provided that each Senator should file his reasons in writing.

### MASSACRED BY TURKS.

Thirty Women and Children Victims in Raid on Village.

ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 11.—Muslims to-day massacred thirty women and children and pillaged and burned 120 houses in the village of Kerameia in the Turkish province of Epirus, a short distance from the Greek frontier. The victims were driven out of their flaming homes and took refuge in a cavern. They were pursued by the Mussulmans, who first tortured and then slaughtered them.

### AUTO KILLS HORSES AND MAN

Two Equestrians Run Down in Dark on Jersey Road.

Samuel Knight, fifty-five years old, of Ramsey, N. J., was killed at Allendale, N. J., early to-day when an auto crashed into a horse he was riding. George Shunk, who was also riding a horse, was seriously injured and is in Ridgewood Hospital. Both horses were killed. The men had bought the horses in New York and were riding them home.

The autoist hurried with both men to Ridgewood. Knight died on the way.

### RAIDED A COURT AND CAUGHT WIFE WITH THE CLERK

Husband's Tale of Tryst in  
Chambers a Surprise for  
Justice Moore.

BURST OPEN THE DOOR.

Young Mother of Twins Avers  
She Called on Hochstadler  
and Became Ill.

Justice Moore of the First District Municipal Court was surprised to-day to learn that, as a result of a raid on his chambers early on the afternoon of Nov. 20 last after he had adjourned court and gone home, Otto Dederer, an officer of the Slickies-Loder Company, hardware manufacturers at No. 39 Barclay street, is suing Mrs. Ida Vandenberg Dederer for divorce, naming as co-respondent Oscar H. Hochstadler, clerk of his honor's court and secretary of the Municipal Court Clerks' Association.

It was going to Justice Moore that his chambers in the Merchants' Association Building, at Leonard and Lafayette streets, were said to have been used as a trysting place. While the trial of Mr. Dederer's suit has been in progress for several days before Judge S. Booth, a referee appointed by the Supreme Court, it has been conducted with the utmost secrecy.

The testimony of Mr. Dederer's witnesses has been unusual, and still more sensational developments are expected. Mr. Hochstadler says the suit is an attempt to place him in an unfavorable light, and his attorney, Joseph H. Sam of No. 55 Liberty street, is so contending in court.

Six men were in the party that descended upon Justice Moore's chambers. They were Mr. Dederer, Joseph Hochstadler, President of the Slickies-Loder Company; Edward Bernard, auditor of the company; Philip J. Boiling, superintendent of a detective agency, and Charles A. Nevins and George J. Clausen, detectives.

Except Mr. Dederer, whom the law forbids to testify, all assert that Mrs. Dederer and Mr. Hochstadler were very much embarrassed when found alone in the Justice's private room. Dederer, they say, burst open the door and, pointing to the woman, cried:

"There is my wife, and there," shifting his finger toward the court clerk, "is Mr. Hochstadler, my old friend."

The wedding days of the Dederers began Feb. 16, 1907, when Mr. Dederer, then past the half-century mark, took unto himself a bride half his own age. He was a self-made man. Thirty-three years of his life had been spent with the Slickies-Loder Company. Despite the disparity of their years the Dederers were happy in a pretty home at 116 West Broadway, and on May 1, 1904, twin boys, Paul R. and Edwin Vaughn, came to them. A frequent visitor was Oscar W. Hochstadler, a friend of Mr. Dederer, many years his junior.

In November last year his wife began to adopt a changed manner toward him, Dederer asserts, and, becoming suspicious of his friend, he forbade Hochstadler's visits and engaged detectives to shadow Mrs. Dederer.

"One day," Detective Nevins testified before the referee, "I followed Mrs. Dederer down to the Bar Association in West Forty-fourth street. For two hours the couple walked back and forth across the half mile length of the bridge. Mr. Hochstadler kept his arms about Mrs. Dederer except under the lights."

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### LIVES OF CHILDREN SACRIFICED TO GREED OF ARSON PLOTTERS

Owners of the Insured Property in  
These Cases Started Fires Them-  
selves to Save \$5 Fee to  
Professional Firebug.

NEARLY 40 PERSONS HAD  
PART IN CONSPIRACY.

Grutz, Who Is Accused of Being Chief  
of the Plotters, Unable to Get  
\$15,000 Bail.

The investigation of Fire Marshal Priel and Assistant District Attorney Royal Weller into the widespread conspiracy to defraud fire insurance companies has brought to light two incendiary fires in which lives were lost. Three victims have thus far been registered to the greed of the firebugs, and all of them children.

### "PHYLLIS WISTRAND TO BE KISSED," SWEET LITTLE TASK FOR TAFT

President Came to Time With  
Smack and Made Persistent  
Wee Blonde Happy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—On President Taft's appointment list to-day was this brief entry:

"Phyllis Wistrand, Lander, Wyo., (to be kissed)."

When that item caught the President's eye as he sat down at his desk he looked about his office and over in one corner saw a little girl with blonde curls looking coquettishly at him. Besides her was a woman, evidently her mother.

"Well, Phyllis," he said as he arose from his chair to shake hands, "so you want to be kissed by the President of the United States?"

"Yes, sir," she replied.

"Well," said the President, as he raised her high in his arms and kissed her fairly on the cheek, "I hope you will remember that."

Phyllis is four years old. She went through the White House, recently with her mother and some friends and announced then that she would never leave Washington until she had been kissed by the President. She was so insistent that her mother wrote to the White House and finally made an appointment with Mr. Taft.

Phyllis left for her home in Wyoming to-day quite satisfied.

### NEWARK PLANT DESTROYED.

Leather and Patent Cloth Novelty Co. Loses \$25,000 in Fire.

The plant of the Leather and Patent Cloth Novelty Company, at No. 123 Frankfort street, Newark, N. J., consisting of a series of two-story frame buildings, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is about \$25,000.

The fire started before the employees had reached the building and only the engineer was there. The blaze, starting in the drying room, spread rapidly. Two alarms were turned in. Engine No. 2 had a long run responding to the second call, and on reaching the fire one of the horses dropped dead.

PANAMA CANAL CRUMBS.  
Victims of the Panama Canal  
BUREAU, AND PANAMA CANAL  
ON THE CANAL.

Two children were burned to death in a fire in a tenement in Park avenue, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifth streets, and one child in a fire in the Bronx. Both these blazes were set by persons having their property insured and not by "mechanics," as the professionals who made a business of starting fires were called. The "mechanics" charged \$5 and 25 per cent. of the insurance collected for each fire, and it was to save this expense that the fatal fires were started by amateurs.

Probably more retaliation will be revealed as full knowledge of the workings of the firebug gang are unfolded. These three lives were lost in fires of about sixty-five fires thus far investigated as a result of the confession of Sam Gold, New York Times or "Tug" the Painter, who is serving a term of from twelve to twenty-four years in Sing Sing, has announced his intention of making a confession and his statements will bring out the entire story of the conspiracy.

### FIREBUG PROFITS PLACED AT

\$100 A WEEK.

During his busy times "Tug" the Painter set on an average two fires a week. His profits averaged \$100 a week, all of which he gambled away in games in Harlem or on the West Side. The District Attorney and the Fire Marshal already have enough evidence to establish that George Grutz, the wealthy insurance broker, money and "independent" adjuster, of No. 68 East One Hundred and Second street, was the head of the firebug syndicate which has been responsible for from \$50 to \$100 incendiary fires. Grutz is in the Tomb, trying to raise \$15,000 bail, but the District Attorney, as allowed by law, will certainly scrutinize any securities offered in Grutz's behalf, and he will be held in custody until the Grand Jury can take action.

Such action will be inaugurated on Monday, when the Extraordinary Grand Jury, under the direction of Justice Jeff, will take up the examination of witnesses. Mr. Weller examined nine of these witnesses to-day. All of them are technically in custody. They have agreed to tell what they know about fires in which they figured as policy holders.

The Grutz gang of firebugs employed six "mechanics." "Tug" the Painter was the most expert. Four of the others have been located and are under surveillance. The other is in a foreign country and steps have been taken to have him arrested and extradited.

### FIREBUGS REPORTED TO BRUTE

OR HIS LIEUTENANTS.

The mechanics reported regularly to Grutz or one of Grutz's lieutenants and were sent out on fire setting missions as methodically as a platoon of soldiers is sent out to march in a column, as soon as they reported to their chief of arson and were given their orders. They had nothing to do with the fires in which they were engaged.